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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Olivier MATILE

Confirmation No. 3030

Serial No. 10/077,950

GROUP 1742

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Examiner Scott R. Kastler

LASER CUTTING METHOD AND APPARATUS
WITH A BIFOCAL OPTICAL MEANS AND A
HYDROGEN-BASED ASSIST GAS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND AFTER NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 19, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 21, 2004,
and further to the Notice of Appeal filed March 30, 2004, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.